



# Hartwell Primary School

## Class 1 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all had a great Christmas and that the children are all set for the next term in Year 1! Our topic this term is 'Our Wonderful World' in which the children will learn about the continents and seas of the world plus compare physical and natural features of different countries.

The children have had a brilliant first term and they have made a fantastic start to Year 1. I have been so impressed with their enthusiasm and positive attitude towards their learning. Please can I reiterate how important it is that your child reads at least 4 times a week at **home** in addition to learning their sounds, tricky words and spellings. Thank you so much for your continued support with this.

All children will continue to bring home two maths games every other week, which I ask are completed at least twice. Once your child has completed this activity, please write it down in the orange book (inside the maths pack) as this helps us monitor the games issued and completed.

Children will also continue to take home new spellings every Thursday which they will be tested on the following Thursday. The National phonics test will take place in June. The spellings, which are brought home are spelling patterns they can expect to see in the test. More information about the test will be given at the next parent's evening and in Summer Term 1. I will be doing practice tests with the children in the run up to this and there will be lots of practice and work towards this in school.

Reading books will be continue to be changed by an adult on a Monday and home school diaries will be signed by myself. This allows me to issue a Dojo points to children reading at least 4 times a week and 2 Dojo points for any child completing 7 reads in a week. For the rest of the week, we encourage independence by asking the children to hand in their reading books to be changed once they have read them 3 times. Prompts will be given to the children to remind them.

PE will continue to be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, please ensure that your child has their PE kit including white t-shirt, red shorts and plimsolls/trainers on these days. In addition, to this it is a good idea for the children to have a pair of tracksuit bottoms and warm jumper for when we have outdoor PE.

I look forward to another positive term in Year 1! Thank you again for all your continued support at home. If you ever have any questions or concerns please feel free to message me via Dojo or pop a note in the home school diaries (please let your child know this needs to be handed in, as I do not check them daily).

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Parker